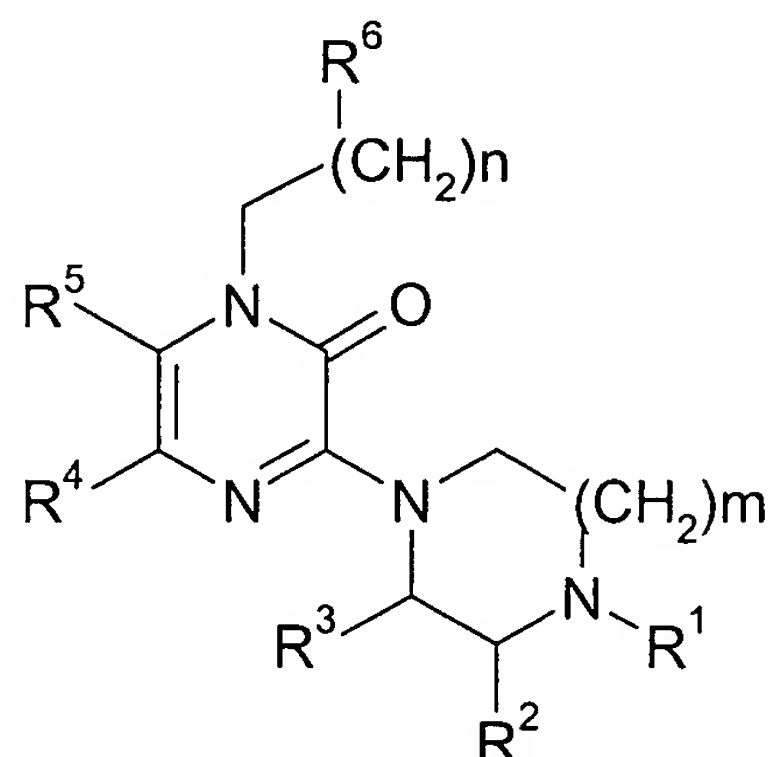


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of the general formula (I):



(I)

wherein

m is 1 or 2;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, methoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or heteroaryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue may be substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each, independently, represent H or CH<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each, independently, represent H, halogen, methyl, or together with the ring, to which carbon atoms they are attached, form a 1H-quinoxalin-2-one nucleus; and

R<sup>6</sup> represents aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, aryl-NH, heteroaryl-NH, aryl, arylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, or heteroarylcarbonyl; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue, alone or as part of another group, may be unsubstituted or substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents, independently selected from aryl, aryl-C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl, arylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, arylamino, heteroarylamino, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyloxy, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkanoyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, or fluoro-C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyloxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>-dialkylamino, hydroxy or oxo; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue as substituents on aryl or heteroaryl, alone or as part of another group, in turn may be substituted in one or more positions, independently of each other, by C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, geometrical isomers, tautomers, optical isomers, or *N*-oxides thereof, with the provisos that:

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are not both CH<sub>3</sub>;

when n = 1 and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are H and R<sup>3</sup> is H or CH<sub>3</sub>, then R<sup>6</sup> is not 3-pyridyloxy, 6-methyl-2-nitro-3-pyridyloxy, or 2-chloro-3-pyridyloxy;

when n = 0, then R<sup>6</sup> is not aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, aryl-NH or heteroaryl-NH; and

the compound of formula (I) is not 1-benzyl-3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-1*H*-quinoxalin-2-one.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein any aryl or heteroaryl residue, alone or as part of another group, is substituted with one or two non-halogen substituents.
3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue, alone or as part of another group, is substituted with at least one halogen substituent.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein any aryl or heteroaryl residue that is a substituent on another aryl or heteroaryl, alone or as part of another group, in turn is substituted in one position.
5. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein
  - n = 1;
  - R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each are H; and
  - R<sup>6</sup> is phenoxy, where the phenyl ring of the said phenoxy group may be unsubstituted or substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents.
6. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, wherein the phenyl ring of R<sup>6</sup> is substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents independently selected from
  - halogen,
  - 2-propenyl,
  - C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,
  - C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy,
  - trifluoromethyl,
  - phenyl,
  - phenoxy,
  - benzoyl, and
  - C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl;

wherein the phenyl, phenoxy or benzoyl substituent in turn may be unsubstituted or substituted in one or more positions, independently of each other, by C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano.

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the phenyl ring of R<sup>6</sup> is substituted with one or two non-halogen substituents.
8. (Original) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the halogen substituent is fluorine.
9. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein
  - n = 1;
  - R<sup>1</sup> is methoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or straight-chained C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
  - R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each are H; and
  - R<sup>6</sup> is 2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy.
10. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein
  - n = 1;
  - R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each are H; and
  - R<sup>6</sup> is 2-oxo-1,3-benzoxathiol-5-yloxy.
11. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
  - n = 0;
  - R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each are H; and
  - R<sup>6</sup> is phenyl, where the said phenyl may be substituted with halogen, in one, two, three, four or five positions.
12. (Original) The compound according to claim 11 wherein the halogen is fluorine.
13. (Previously Presented) The compound according claim 1, which is:
  - 1-[2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
  - 1-{2-[(2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-7-yl)oxy]ethyl}-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
  - 3-(1-piperazinyl)-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,

- 3-(1-piperazinyl)-1-[2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenoxy)ethyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-cyanophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-cyclopentylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yloxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-*n*-butyloxyphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yloxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 3-(1-piperazinyl)-1-[2-(2,3,4-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yloxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4-difluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-{2-[(2-oxo-1,3-benzoxathiol-5-yl)oxy]ethyl}-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 3-(1-piperazinyl)-1-[2-(6-quinoxalinyloxy)ethyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-{2-[3-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)phenoxy]ethyl}-3-(1-piperazinyl)-pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
- 3-(1-piperazinyl)-1-{2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]ethyl}-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-fluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-nitrophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-benzoylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3,5-difluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(phenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,6-difluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2-cyanophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-bromophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-{4-phenoxy-(phenoxy)}ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,

- 1-[2-(4-fluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-isopropylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2-methylthiophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(3-methoxyphenylthio)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-[(4-allyl-2-methoxy)phenoxy]ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yloxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,6-difluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-bromophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(phenoxy)ethyl]-3-(3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-fluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(4-isopropylphenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2-methylthiophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[3-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)propyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-2-ylmethyl)-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 3-piperazin-1-yl-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-1*H*-quinoxalin-2-one,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(4-n-butyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(4-isopropyl-1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
- 1-{2-[(5-methyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-7-yl)oxy]ethyl}-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,

- 1-[2-(4-Cyanophenoxy)ethyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
  - 1-[4-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)butyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
  - 1-[3-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)propyl]-3-(1-piperazinyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone,
  - 3-[4-(1-phenylethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 3-[4-(2-phenoxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 3-[4-(2-Phenylethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one, hydrochloride,
  - 3-(4-Benzylpiperazin-1-yl)-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one hydrochloride,
  - 3-[(2*R*)-2-methylpiperazin-1-yl]-1-[2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 3-piperazin-1-yl-1-[2-(3-thienyl)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 3-piperazin-1-yl-1-[2-(2-thienyl)ethyl]pyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 1-[2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethyl]-3-piperazin-1-ylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 1-[2-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yloxy)ethyl]-3-piperazin-1-ylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 1-[2-(phenylthio)ethyl]-3-piperazin-1-ylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
  - 1-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-3-piperazin-1-ylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one, or
  - 1-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-piperazin-1-ylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one,
- and their pharmacologically acceptable salts and hydrates.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of a disorder or medical condition selected from angina; Raynaud's phenomenon; intermittent claudication; coronary or



peripheral vasospasms; hypertension; schizophrenia; obsessive-compulsive disorder; attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); anxiety disorders; depression disorders substance abuse; extrapyramidal symptoms; menopausal and post-menopausal hot flushes; premenstrual syndrome; bronchoconstriction disorders; or eating disorders, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a disorder or medical condition that is associated with neuroleptic drug-induced extrapyramidal symptoms ~~therapy~~, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

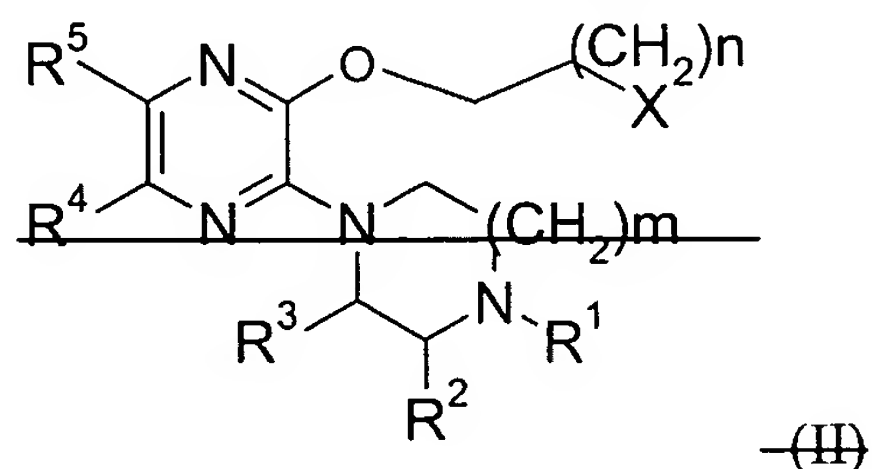
19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the eating disorder is binge eating disorders, anorexia nervosa or bulimia.

20. (Cancelled)

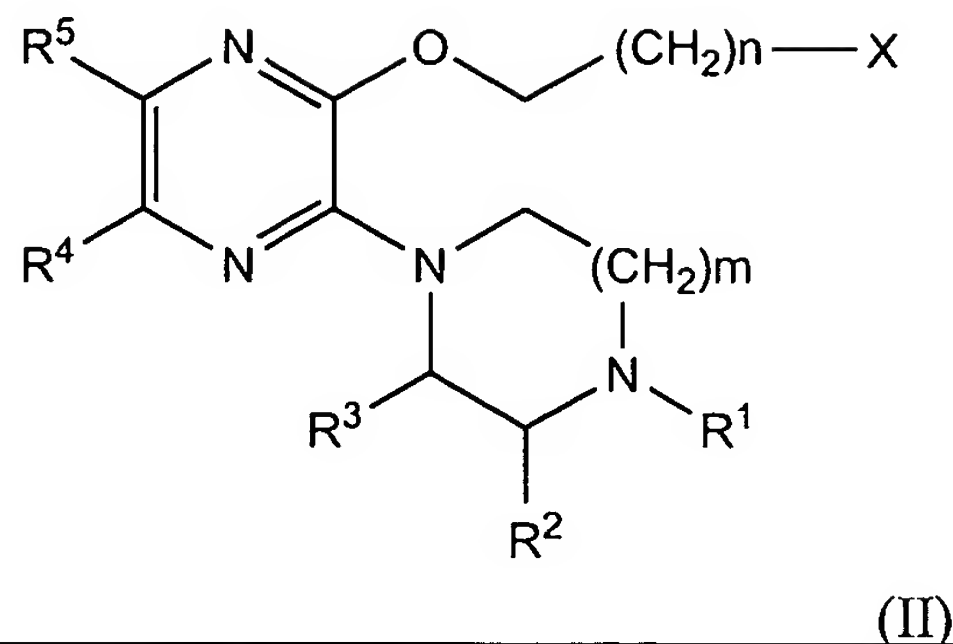
21. (Currently Amended) A method of making a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1,

wherein  $R^6$  is selected from aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, aryl-NH, or heteroaryl-NH,

by reacting a compound of the following formula (II):







wherein

m is 1 or 2;

n is 1 or 2;

X is OH;

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, methoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or heteroaryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue may be substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano;  
 R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each, independently, represent H or CH<sub>3</sub>; and

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each, independently, represent H, halogen, methyl, or together with the ring, to which carbon atoms they are attached, form a 1*H*-quinoxalin-2-one nucleus;

with an optionally substituted phenol or thiophenol; in a solvent.

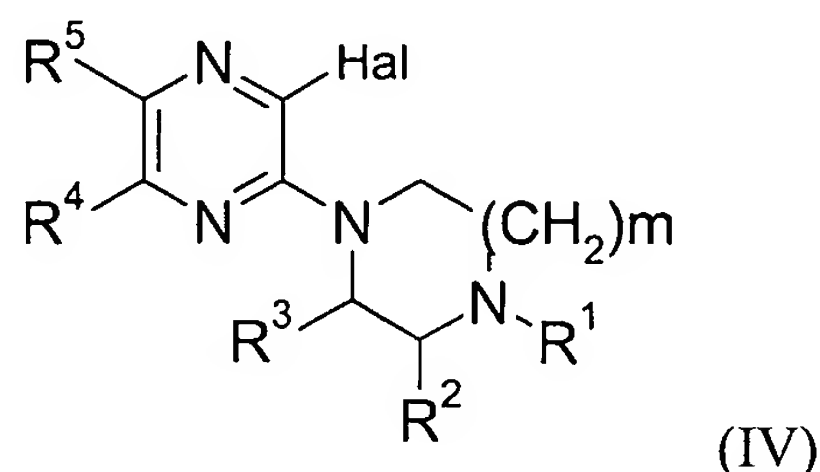
22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) where R<sup>1</sup> is H, wherein R<sup>1</sup> in the corresponding intermediate of formula (II) is a protecting group selected from *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (*t*-BOC) or trityl.
23. (Original) A method according to any one of claims 21 or 22, wherein the intermediate of formula (II) is selected from:  
 2-[3-(4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-pyrazinyloxy]ethanol;  
*tert*-Butyl (3*R*)-4-[3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)pyrazin-2-yl]-3-methylpiperazine-1-carboxylate;

and

*tert*-Butyl 4-[3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)pyrazin-2-yl]-1,4-diazepane-1-carboxylate.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1,

wherein R<sup>6</sup> is selected from aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, aryl-NH, heteroaryl-NH, aryl, arylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, or heteroarylcarbonyl, by reacting a compound of the following formula (IV),



wherein

m is 1 or 2;

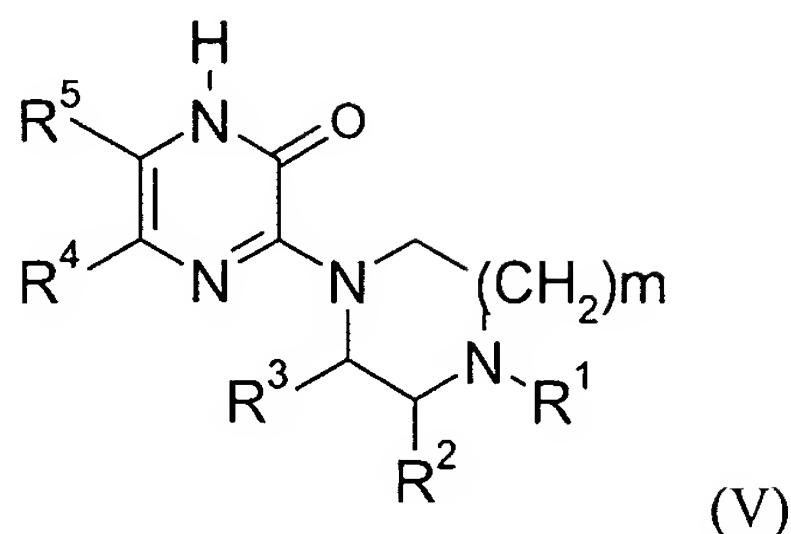
Hal is halogen;

R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, methoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or heteroaryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue may be substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each, independently, represent H or CH<sub>3</sub>; and

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each, independently, represent H, halogen, methyl, or together with the ring, to which carbon atoms they are attached, form a 1*H*-quinoxalin-2-one nucleus; with an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal basic salt, in aqueous media, at 25 to 150 °C, to produce a compound of formula (V),



wherein

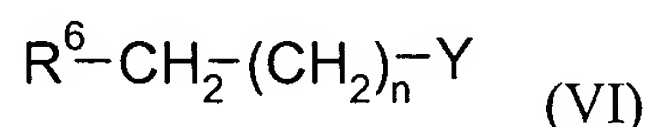
m is 1 or 2;

R<sup>1</sup> is H or C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, methoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or heteroaryloxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl; wherein

any aryl or heteroaryl residue may be substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy or cyano;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each, independently, represent H or CH<sub>3</sub>; and

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each, independently, represent H, halogen, methyl, or together with the ring, to which carbon atoms they are attached, form a 1*H*-quinoxalin-2-one nucleus; followed by N-alkylation of the compound of formula (V) by reaction with a compound of formula (VI),



wherein

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

Y is a leaving group; and

R<sup>6</sup> represents aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, aryl-NH, heteroaryl-NH, aryl, arylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, or heteroarylcarbonyl; and

wherein any aryl or heteroaryl residue, alone or as part of another group, may be unsubstituted or substituted. Where substituted, one, two, three, four or five substituents may be present, preferably one or two for non-halogen substituents, and are independently selected from aryl, aryl-C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl, arylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, aryloxy,

heteroaryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, arylamino, heteroarylamino, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkyloxy, C<sub>3-6</sub>-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkanoyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl, or fluoro-C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyloxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>-dialkylamino, hydroxy or oxo;

wherein any aryl or heteroaryl residue as substituents on aryl or heteroaryl, alone or as part of another group, in turn may be substituted in one or more positions, preferably one, independently of each other by C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkylthio, halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or cyano;

in the presence of a base in a suitable solvent ~~at an elevated temperature.~~

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24 for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) where R<sup>1</sup> is H, wherein R<sup>1</sup> in the corresponding intermediate of formula (V) is a protecting group selected from tert-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC) or trityl.
26. (Original) The method according to claim 22 wherein R<sup>1</sup> in the corresponding intermediate of formula (II) is tert-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC).
27. (Original) The method according to claim 25 wherein R<sup>1</sup> in the corresponding intermediate of formula (V) is tert-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC).
28. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 where in the compound of formula (I)  
 $n = 1$ ;  
R<sup>1</sup> is aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl;  
R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are each H; and  
R<sup>6</sup> is 2,4,5-trifluorophenoxy.

29. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of glaucoma, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the glaucoma is normal tension glaucoma.
31. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of urinary incontinence, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the urinary incontinence is urinary incontinence with co-existing diabetes.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the depression disorder is depression with coexisting diabetes.
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Cancelled)
36. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of ~~sleep disorders~~ insomnia or sleep apnea, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
37. (Cancelled)
38. (Cancelled)
39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of ~~thrombotic illness~~ thrombosis, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
41. (Cancelled)
42. (Cancelled)
43. (Cancelled)
44. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of diabetic complications selected from nephropathy, neuropathy and retinopathy, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.